

APPENDIX

REMARKS:

The office action required election between subsets of claims 1-40 which were canceled before mailing of the office action, by the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. Pending claims 41-78 (set forth above) were added by the Preliminary Amendment, and were not addressed by the office action.

In a telephone conference with the undersigned on February 6, 2007, the Examiner acknowledged that the Preliminary Amendment had been filed and indicated that the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2007 should be ignored because he intends to mail another office action that supersedes it. The present response is being filed to ensure that the application does not go abandoned before Applicant can consider the expected new office action.

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